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SUBJECT: PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE

1. SUMMARY: ISSUANCE OF FRENCH INVITATIONS TO
RESUMED PRODUCER-CONSUMER PREPCON MAY BE FURTHER DELAYED
BY ALGERIAN AND VENEZUELAN INSISTENCE ON INCLUSION OF
MONETARY ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA OIL OFFICIAL VIGNAL BRIEFED US AUGUST 27 ON
RESPONSES TO DATE TO FRENCH CONSENSUS PROPOSAL. IN
DESCRIBING ALGERIAN RESPONSE, HE DREW FROM AMBASSADOR
DE COMMINES' CABLE FROM ALGIERS, WHICH CLOSELY
PARALLELS ALGIERS 1892 BUT WITH ONE NEW POINT--
NAMELY THAT ALGERIANS BELIEVE FULL CONFERENCE OF 27
SHOULD LAST MORE THAN 2-3 DAYS FORESEEN IN FRENCH
AIDE MEMOIRE. VIGNAL DESCRIBED ALGERIAN STANCE ON
INCLUSION OF MONETARY QUESTIONS AS PARTICULARLY TOUGH.
GOF WAS ON OTHER HAND CONVINCED THAT ALGERIANS DID NOT
INTEND TO MAKE TROUBLE OVER IEA ISSUE. ALGERIANS,
VIGNAL SAID, HAD TOLD FRENCH THEY WOULD PUT THEIR
POSITION INTO AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH WOULD BE GIVEN TO GOF,
AND ALSO TO OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP OF SEVEN, "WITHIN
NEXT FEW DAYS." VIGNAL SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF THIS
FORESHADOWED NEW ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG GROUP OF
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3. FRENCH HAVE ALSO RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM IRANIANS, WHICH VIGNAL SAID CONSISTED OF GENERAL APPROVAL FRENCH CONSENSUS PROPOSAL. PRELIMINARY SAUDI REACTION, VIGNAL SAID, HAD BEEN SURPRISING: PRINCE SAUD HAD LAUNCHED INTO "DIATRIBE" AGAINST IEA RATHER THAN ADDRESSING SPECIFIC POINTS OF AIDE MEMOIRE. GOF WAS STILL AWAITING OFFICIAL SAG RESPONSE, HOWEVER, AS WELL AS THAT OF OTHER OPEC-LDC MEMBERS PLUS JAPAN AND EC. (HE LATER SAID THAT GOF WOULD PROBABLY BE PREPARED TO GO FORWARD, IF OTHERWISE POSSIBLE, ON BASIS OF CONSENSUS ALREADY EXISTING AMONG 9 WITHOUT SPECIFIC EC COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF AIDE MEMOIRE).

5. VIGNAL STRESSED THAT GOF PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE PREPARED TO ISSUE INVITATIONS WHILE IMPORTANT ISSUES (PARTICULARLY ROLE AND SCOPE OF WORK OF FINANCIAL COMMISSION) REMAINED UNRESOLVED. MFA AWAITING FURTHER RESPONSES, INCLUDING ALGERIAN AIDE-MEMOIRE, BEFORE DECIDING IF NEW ROUND OF CLARIFICATION NECESSARY BEFORE ISSUING INVITATIONS.

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